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SUBJ: EARLY WARNING: ABU DHABI AND UAE AIRPORT CONSTRUCTION

1. ABU DHABI GOVERNMENT WILL BE FUNDING CONSTRUCTION OF FOUR AIRPORTS: THREE MILITARY AIRFIELDS IN ABU DHABI AND A CIVIL AIRPORT IN FUJAIRAH. LARGEST OF THESE FOUR AIRPORTS WILL BE ABU DHABI'S MAIN MILITARY BASE WITH A MINIMUM ESTIMATED PRICE TAG OF DOLLARS 380 MILLION. BECHTEL IS PROJECT CONSULTANT AND WILL PROBABLY HAVE PROJECT OR ENGINEERING MANAGEMENT ROLE DURING THREE-YEAR CONSTRUCTION PERIOD.

2. ALTHOUGH NOT FORMALLY DECIDED, BECHTEL HAS SUGGESTED TENDERING IN THREE PHASES. FIRST, FOR EARTH MOVING AND RUNWAY CONSTRUCTION; SECOND FOR HANGERS, PROTECTIVE BUNKERS, AND AVIONICS INSTALLATION TO ACCOMMODATE PRESENT AIRCRAFT INVENTORY; THIRD, EXPANSION OF FACILITIES FOR FUTURE AIRCRAFT DELIVERIES. TENDER DOCUMENTS ARE IN PREPARATION, PUBLIC INVITATION EXPECTED BY OCTOBER 1.

3. BECHTEL EMPHASIZES THAT PREQUALIFICATION EVALUATION WILL BE SEVERE BECAUSE OF SIZE OF PROJECT AND THEIR OWN DESIRE TO MEET CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE. ON TENDER ITSELF, LOW BIDDER WILL NOT BE AUTOMATIC WINNER. FOREIGN FIRMS MAY WELL HAVE ADVANTAGE ON THIS PROJECT SINCE THE FEW QUALIFIED LOCAL CONTRACTORS ARE OVEREXTENDED.

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4. UNTIL FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF FIRST TENDER, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS

INTERESTED U.S. FIRMS FORWARD COMPANY LITERATURE ON PCAVIOUS
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